GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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ALLAPUZHA, TOWN OF EXCELLENCE IN COIR PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a proposal from the Government of Kerala suggesting to declare Allapuzha as a town to export excellence in Coir products;

(b) if so, details of the proposal; and

(c) whether the Government of India has decided to put the proposal in practice as done in the case of Aroor, by declaring it as a Special Export Zone for marine foods and Kannur as a Special Export Zone for handloom products?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (b) : No proposal has been received by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade for notifying Allapuzha as a town of export excellence in coir products under the Foreign Trade Policy, 2004-09.

(c) Aroor and Kannur, as towns of export excellence, are eligible to access funds under the Central Assistance to States for developing Export Infrastructure and other Allied activities (ASIDE) scheme for infrastructure development and upgradation. In case proposals are received from the Government, joint sector or the private sector for developing these areas as Special Economic Zones, the same would be considered as per the guidelines of the Scheme.